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1. A train consisting of ten boxcars and fifty flatcars, and loaded with about fifteen trucks with numbers of the E 5-40-xx series, about twenty tractors and twenty heavy guns (probably 152-mm howitzers) was observed between Magdeburg-Neustadt and Biederitz at noon on 22 April 1950.

2. The following military trains were observed in Oranienburg on 25 April 1950:

a. A train carrying ten T34 tanks, four armored reconnaissance cars, one amphibious car, and three trucks left for Loewenberg at noon.

b. A train of nineteen railroad cars loaded with sections of disassembled cantonment buildings left toward Loewenberg at 2:30 p.m. \*\*

c. An empty train of 36 flatcars was side-tracked at the station.

25X1 \* Co. Artillery units of the ? No. (10th ?) Gun Arty Brig or the ? No. (115th Hv ?) How Arty Brig, according to the

25X1 The units were transferred from the Strandenbourg-Rathenow area to the Altengrabow troop training grounds via Magdeburg-Neustadt.

Artillery units of the 6th Arty Div were entrained in Rathenow on 19 April 1950, according to another report. The train was probably bound for Altengrabow, where the artillery units of the IV Arty Corps held their 1949 maneuvers.

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\*\* Comment. Several trains carrying component units of the 25th Tank Div were reported to have left Oranienburg on 23 and 24 April 1950. It can therefore be assumed that this train carried tank units of the 25th Tank Div, moving to the Templin training area (Camp Zehdenick) via Loewenberg.

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